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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Certain Census Blocks in Georgetown and Marion Counties for Purposes of Receiving Federal Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase H Support

**Docket No. 2018-346-C**

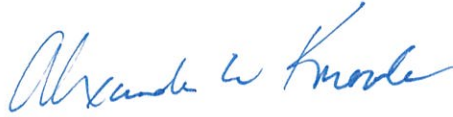
Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 19, 2018, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a letter of no objection to the original Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") requesting Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation. The Company filed its Amended Application on December 20, 2018. ORS submits this letter to make clear that it does not object to the Amended Application. Additionally, ORS does not object to proceeding without a formal hearing in this matter.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexander W. Knowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alexander" and last name "Knowles" clearly distinguishable.

Alexander W. Knowles

Encl.

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)